

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairman Ken Fish called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Those present: Todd Every, Dave Grignon, Rick Warrington and Lloyd Pecore. Those absent: Dave Corn, Pat Corn and Jim Horton. Also present: Harley Thomas, Brian Tepiew and James Reiter.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes Dated June 13, 2006-

Motion made by Rick Warrington to approve the minutes of June 13, 2006 as submitted. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

4. Menominee Nation Casino Planning Update/James Reiter-

James Reiter was present and the committee wanted to know what future plans there may be for the Casino. Chairman Fish stated that Dyan Nickey who has a request for the land by the Casino wanted to be present for the meeting but was unable to attend.

Chairman Fish stated that the Tribe needs to look at the big picture and find out what possible expansions could take place with the Casino because the Casino is the main source of Tribal funding and we need to make there is room for the Casino to expand if additional funding becomes available.

James Reiter had brought some of the plans but said more firms are sending plans. James Reiter stated that the Menominee Tribal Legislature already promised additional land in the Casino area if necessary for Casino expansion. Chairman Fish stated that there needs to be something in writing stating that.

No action was taken.

5. Loren White Land Issue-

Todd Every informed the committee that he spoke to Loren and Loren would still like to be on the agenda for next month's meeting because he is unable to attend meetings on Mondays and he has Friday's off.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table. Motion was seconded by Todd Every. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

6. Harley Thomas Trailer Issue (Variance) Request-

Harley Thomas was present because Community Development would not give him a permit to move a gutted trailer from Middle Village to his land so he can renovate it. Committee is concerned that in the past people have tried to do the same thing but when they out that the trailer is costing too much to fix they end up leaving it and it becomes an eye sore. The biggest problem is that the trailer isn't even in Harley's name.

Committee informed Harley that he needs to get something in writing stating that the donor is giving the trailer to him and also some kind of assurance that the trailer will indeed be fixed.

7. Pow-Wow Committee Complaint-

Chairman Fish was told that Rose Peters had a complaint against the Pow-Wow committee for not letting her apply for princess. Rose was not present to discuss her complaint.

No discussion and no action taken.

8. Pow-Wow Committee Report-

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the Pow-Wow. Todd Every stated that he knows his department is expected to fix anything that is wrong at the Pow-Wow grounds and that he just doesn't have the money or the manpower to complete everything.

Chairman Fish stated that it seems like every year different people run the Pow-Wow and come up with their own rules which are different from the past years. Chairman Fish stated that there needs to be a Pow-Wow Policy developed for everyone to follow regarding rules of the Pow-Wow and for the facility itself.

On the next agenda Chairman Fish would like Fairgrounds/Woodland Bowl Facility Policy and that it should stay on the agenda until the policy is developed, approved by committee and sent to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval.

9. Dyan Nickey Business Proposal-

Dyan was unable to attend the meeting and would like to discuss her proposal at the next meeting.

Motion made by Dave Grignon to table. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

10. Marla Mahkimetas Request-

When Marla did show up at a meeting the committee gave her a long list of information they need from her before they could go ahead with her proposal. As of today's meeting she has not brought any of the requested information to Community Development or any member of the committee.

Motion made by Todd Every to take the Marla Mahkimetas request off the agenda until she comes forward with new information. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

11. Menominee Tribal Supermarket-

Motion made by Dave Grignon to table. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

12. Energy Policy-

Todd Every informed the committee that Lew Boyd is still working on the policy.

Motion made by Todd Every to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

13. Cemetery Plan-

The issue is going before the Menominee Tribal Legislature tonight so committee decided not to do anything pending the outcome.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

14. Biomass Heating Systems Recommendations-

Lew Boyd is also working on this issue and will have an update at the next meeting.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your right hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

15. Other Business-

Brian Tepiew was present and wanted the committee to know that he still wants the portion of land by Middle Village. Committee members stated that currently the land is designated as F1 (Forestry). If the land were to go to Brian it would have to be re-zoned as residential. Committee warned Brian that once the land is zoned residential there may be other requests for land in that area.

Todd Every will contact MTE to find out if the land is in sustained yield and will prepare a letter, maps and submit photos to them.

Motion made by Dave Grignon to ask the Menominee Tribal Legislature whether or not Community Development should develop the infrastructure on the F1 designation at Middle Village to be converted to residential lots. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify raising your hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment-

Motion made by Dave Grignon to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Lloyd Pecore. All those in favor of the motion signify by raising your hand, 4-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services